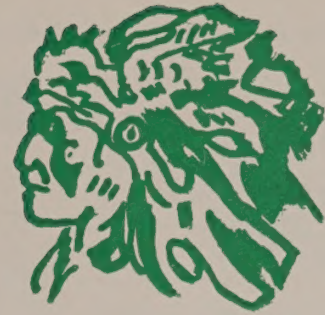


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## Arnold and Hastings to Represent Agawam

### SANTA TO VISIT KID PARTY

The annual Senior Kid Party will be held on Wednesday, the 22nd, in the Agawam High School auditorium. The plans for the party are in the capable hands of Sandra Torp, general chairman. The committee chairmen are as follows: Refreshments, Carmella Petruzzello; gifts, Alice Harpin; invitations, Carole Sulborski; entertainment, Patty Bowne; decorations, Jean Brezinski.

All the committees are working hard to make this evening one the class of '55 will never forget. Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, cutest, and the most unusual costumes. Good old Santa will arrive with a pack of toys and other gifts for all the good little senior boys and girls. (All seniors are good!)

### F.F.A. TO PRESENT SQUARE DANCE

The Annual FFA Square Dance will be held Saturday, January 22, 1955, at 8:00 p. m. at the High School. The Chapter Sweetheart will be crowned at the dance, and she will be presented with a silk satin jacket, corsage, and a bouquet of flowers.

Come one, come all, and see this spectacular event. By popular demand, Doc Brewer and his band will provide the music for the dance. The tickets are only 50 cents each, and may be obtained from any one of the FFA boys.

President Bill Martel, and Vice-President Stanley Osowiecki attended the meeting of the New England Livestock Loss Prevention Society in Boston on Wednesday, December 8. The boys in the chapter are forming a bowling team and a basketball team.

Agawam Chapter will start its 4th annual Rodent Control Program in January. Anyone wishing this service is asked to contact one of the FFA members.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



### TEENS AGAINST POLIO SPARK OWN DRIVE

Young people know a lot about polio. They should know about it—because four out of every five polio attacks strike them. And now the youth of the nation is striking back—with its own weapon, in its own way.

That weapon is a new program called TAP—Teens Against Polio. With it, millions of young people all over the country are proving they, too, can fight, as well as adults, against this crippling menace.

Teenagers everywhere are racking up astounding records with this TAP polio-fighting program—their own militant division of the current March of Dimes. They are planning it, organizing it, running it—with results

that in many instances are adding enormously to the community-wide observance.

These polio-conscious young people first started building their own anti-polio act during last summer's emergency March of Dimes, when funds were urgently needed to carry forward the trial vaccine program that shows much promise for the future.

They took off with the idea like skyrockets. Cities, towns, villages across the nation burst into a sudden rash of teen activity. Here are a few of the things that happened:

In Hampden County, Mass., 8,000 teens TAPPED on every door and

The Senior Class nominated girls who they thought would best represent Agawam for the Daughters of the American Revolution's Good Citizenship Award. They were to consider girls having such qualities as these:

Loyalty, punctuality, dependability, truthfulness.

Consideration for others, courtesy, service, cooperation.

Self-control, leadership, ability to assume responsibility.

From the top two elected, the faculty chose Alice Arnold as the girl most worthy.

The National Society will provide a Good Citizenship Pilgrimage Certificate to be awarded to Alice at graduation.

Congratulations, Alice!

Student Government Day in Massachusetts will be on March 11, 1955. The Seniors nominated five members of the class, and the entire student body voted for one of the five. Elected was Donald Hastings. Don will be at the State House in Boston on March 12 to assemble with other boys from all parts of Massachusetts.

Each boy will have a chance to see how our government works by actually taking part as an official in the government.

Don is a fortunate boy to have been elected and it is too bad more students couldn't attend.

Congratulations, Don!

### STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The annual Student Council Convention was held at North Adams on November 19th. Members of the Student Council that were able to attend were:

Lawrence Gallerani, Richard Orr, Stanley Drzyzga, Judith Robinson,

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## God's Gift

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Joy and mirth possess the hearts of all as they gather 'round the hearth—the blazing timbers reflecting glowing shadows on the merry faces of the family.

Soft multi-colored lights peek out between the dark green needles of a Christmas tree. Flashing tinsel and delicate shells of colored glass hang upon each shaggy bough of the proud giant.

Pungent smells of roast turkey, mince pie, and plum pudding evidence the remains of a hearty meal. Gifts have been exchanged, dear St. Nick has made his visit, and the exhausted young are at last tucked in bed.

The superficial excitement is over. The tangible thrills are spent, but a deeper significance remains. More important than any human gift is God's gift to the world. Today wherever people with a sincere spirit celebrate the birth of Christ, a feeling of peace surrounds them. They no longer hate—they no longer complain. Their hearts are filled with love.

Thank God for Christmas!

## TEENS AGAINST POLIO

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collected more than \$32,000 in less than eight days.

In Memphis, Tenn., Tapping Teenagers totted up a total of more than \$21,000 by the same energetic methods.

And from border to border, sea to sea, there were block parties, swimming parties, coke parties, cake sales, bake sales, and teen canteens.

And today the March of Dimes needs more funds than ever—to pay for vaccine, against the hope that it may be found effective; to care for patients no vaccine can now help; to carry on ceaseless scientific research;

to train the doctors, nurses, therapists, technicians our polio sufferers still desperately need.

YOUR contributions help save lives—then rebuild the lives that are saved. Where those left with polio's crippling after-effects once were doomed to live only half a life, today's patient has a splendid chance for maximum recovery.

In this year's drive beginning January 3rd and extending through January 31st, be generous with your contributions. Help America conquer this dreaded disease!



This month our Inquiring Reporters asked the students what they wanted most of all for Christmas. The results were very interesting. We hope Santa will fulfill all these wishes!

Judith Warren—Santa Claus

Cynthia Tricinella—Pink and black argyle knee socks

Fred Uschmann—A beautiful girl

Irene West—A marriage license

Joyce Marieb—Marlon Brando

Lynne Higgins—A peace pact with Bobby

Chick Arnold—A certain West Side basketball player

Bev. Benson—A free taxi service to Chicopee

Dick Coburn—A steady girl

Dick Davenport—Postpaid shipment of one girl from Needham

Betty Ann Cote—A certain guy all wrapped up with a pretty bow

Judy Brown—A long term contract

Joyce Merk—A '55 "Willys" with a certain salesman inside

Tommy O'Keefe—A nice little blonde

Sally Howard—A 1955 black and yellow Ford convertible.

Vernon Stork—A girl instead of a coat to keep me warm.

Joan Marshall—A ring but not on the telephone

Shirley Pond—My mother's permission

Bill Mueller—A telephone all my own with no interruptions

John Hauser—Mr. Sandman's sister

Harriet Shea—Another date like the Sadie

Celine LaFleur—Bill in my stocking

Mary Magovern—My Texan

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## CLUB CORNER

### TRI-HI-Y

Tri-Hi-Y held its last meeting on the 2nd. The program included a discussion on good manners. Taking part in the discussion were Sandra Fagnani, Anita Rosso and Myrna Hyland. The annual Christmas program was held December 15th.

### F. T. A.

At the December 6th meeting of F. T. A. the meeting was called to order by President Arlene Egbert. Mr. Raymond Harris, guest speaker, talked on many different colleges and the requirements of each.

### I. R. C.

Dr. C. Morgan of Springfield College was guest speaker at the November 17th meeting of I. R. C. He spoke on Germany during the wars and answered questions on the plan for rearming Germany. A quiz program with Audry LaCourse as moderator was held December 1st. Prizes were given to those giving correct answers.

"Private, where is my horse I told you I wanted shod?" asked the captain.

"Omigosh, did you say shod?"

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And so much bad in the best of us,  
That it doesn't behoove any of us,  
To talk about the rest of us.

Enough with the introductions, and now on with the show!!

Lynne—Only one pigtail? Chick A.—Oh, those West Side dances! Barb P.—“Hold My Hand”. Billy Irwin—Our little “Teddy Bear”! Curly C.—Still writing letters?? Sara Jo—the red sweater! Pat “Bouncy” Bowne, the tangerine kid!! Betty B.—What's new in Tennessee?? Leon—Having parking problems?? Carol A.—Off and on again! C. Sulborski—You watch outdoor movies through front windows! Tommy T.—Good-by “baby”! Joe P.—Looking for new projects?? Terry C.—Playing the field?? Judy and Butchie—A miracle it lasted! Irene—Is Buzzy still buzzin' around? Storkie—Where's your watch?? Jerry C.—“Shrimp Boats” are coming!! Tom O.—How's this table? Frank M.—“Little Caesar”! Johnny M.—Do vases fascinate you? Joyce Merk—Tower Ter. is a dead end!! Ann C.—Confused?? Eleanor D.—Howie, next date?? Carol B.—Crazy mixed up kid! Pat C.—Sweet 16 and never been kissed?? C. St. Peter—Did you have a “jolly” time at the Cabaret?? Bertha L.—Lonely days ahead? M. White—Which one is it in room 7 at noon? Barbara B.—Did cupid die down?? Edith C.—

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That's all there is there is no more! Have a grand time over the holidays. Then our favorite little column can start off '55 with a great big bang!

## JR. HIGH JOTTINGS

Hi everybody! You probably thought we were never coming back, but at last here we are! Let's get going on the latest news which has been whispered, heard, and seen throughout the halls.

Sandy W.—He's a doll!! Lynn C.—Who's the boy from Westfield?? Room 25—We're lonesome!! Patty M. and Gerry L.—Love at first sight! Gloria B.—Dick has got you dizzy! Nancy C.—Finally dropped the seventh grader?? Raymon V.—Head over heels with Joan? Jim R.—What an actor! Dan D.—Who's the girl? Genevieve G.—What happened to him?? Dotty L.—Isn't he a little short? Tommy L.—Have you written to her yet? P. Marie—What's this about P. Lucia?? B. Crittendon—Crazy about V. Craig?? Arthur A.—Who adores S. Landen? Judy B.—Who is it now? Eileen K.—Who's Paul A.? Bob M.—Is it still Donna?? Judy W.—How's Alan L.? Rosie—Is it Richy or Kenny?? Janice P.—Is he still on your trail?? Jeff H.—Who is it now? Jane—Are you still fighting with Charlie G.? Dave P.—Who's M. H.? Kay H.—Won't you tell us his name? Tom C.—How big is your telephone bill with Marilyn P.?? Allen W.—Still after Melinda?? Virginia C.—What happened to Pat E.?? Ann V.—Can't you make up your mind?

Until we see you again, be good. And remember, we're watching when you least suspect!!

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Magnificent Obsession—Linda and Joe

The Man That Got Away—Susan LaFrancis

A Star Is Born—Turk Bruno  
Latin Lovers—Bobby and Lynne  
Human Jungle—The Senior Class  
Elephant Walk—The Junior Class  
Cheaper by the Dozen—Sara Jo Cameron

Moonlight Bay—Betty and Pete  
The Wild One—Alice Harpin  
Sampson and Delila—Ronny and Doris

Gone With the Wind—Week ends  
The Farmer's Daughter—Ann Cloutier

Notorious—Ray Freniere  
Give a Girl a Break—Dickie Di-Lullo and Sandra Fagnani

Man With a Million—Sonny Mercadante

White Christmas—Vacation Time

## STUDENT COUNCIL

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Gerald Casiello, Barbara Bellano, Richard Stahle, Celine LaFleur.

Chester Nicora did a splendid job with the magazine drive this year. We will be able to purchase a movie camera for the use of each class. These films will be used at parties and class reunions. Congratulations to Chet!

The Student Council decided at its last meeting to patrol the corridors during the activity period. This will dismiss the rule on passes in effect at the present time.

Doris: When is your sister thinking of getting married?

Little Brother: Constantly.

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## A Tribute to Teachers

A teacher is:

COURAGE with Kleenex in its pocket,

SYMPATHY struggling with a snow suit, and

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A teacher really doesn't mind sniffles, squirmings, stomach aches, spills and sauciness. Neither does she disintegrate before tears, trifles, fights, excuses, parents who spout, and little boys and girls who pout.

Most of all, a teacher is somebody who likes somebody else's children and still has strength left to go to the P.-T. A. meetings.

THANK HEAVEN FOR TEACHERS.

Enfield "Ticker"

## FASHION-ATING NEWS

Now that the ice is solid and the skiing is perfect, winter fashions are making the headlines. The new elasticized ski pants are rated among the highest with ski enthusiasts. The stores are over-flowing with beautiful heavy ski sweaters. The trend this year seems to be straying away from the customary red, black, and green trim on white ski sweaters. This year the sweaters are featuring light pastel trims.

The boys at college have an interesting new fad—wearing knickers and knee socks.

With the new (or shall I say old) Dior fashions making such a hit with feminine tastes, it seems only natural that male taste should also bend toward reviving an old masculine fashion. Now that cold weather has come, knee socks are definitely here to stay.

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## AGAWAM BOWS IN JAMBOREE, 11-7

by Don Hastings

December 11—Our Brownies traveled to the Springfield College Field House as guest team in the Springfield Interschool Jamboree. Our opponent was the High School of Commerce.

Agawam started fast, as Earl Freniere popped in an early hoop. Commerce came back fighting, and by the end of the first eight minutes of play, they led, 7-4.

The Brownies remained in the thick of the battle right down to the wire, but were unable to get any quick hoops to catch the Red Raiders. The game ended with Commerce ahead, 11-7.

The other games followed the Agawam fray, with Classical losing to Trade, 26-24, and Cathedral edging Technical, 28-25. The games drew a total of 2200 fans.

To add to the color of the affair, bands from each school were present. The cheerleaders displayed their skills before the games by combining into a drill team. They did a marvelous job as they went through their intricate maneuvers.

As a whole, the event was very colorful, and was enjoyed by all.

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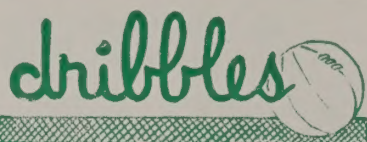
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### Hoop Schedule '55

January 4—Easthampton—away  
January 7—Ludlow—home  
January 14—Palmer—home  
January 18—Ware—home  
January 21—West Side—away  
January 25—Enfield—home  
January 28—Ludlow—away  
February 1—Easthampton—home  
February 8—Palmer—away  
February 11—Ware—away  
February 15—West Side—home  
February 18—Enfield—away

## AGAWAM LOSES TO AMHERST

by Craig McEwan

In a hard-fought game Agawam High lost to Amherst High by a score of 52-40. This was the opener of the season for both teams. Agawam dominated the ball for the first half, coming up with a 10-point lead at half-time. Then the breaks started to go against Agawam as Chet Krygowski and Roger Phaneuf went out on fouls.

In the second half, the smaller Agawam squad could not get the necessary rebounds to get enough points to win.

It was a hard-fought ball game starting with the opening whistle. Earl Freniere led the Brownies by tallying 10 points while Don Hastings was close behind with 9.

### JUNIOR NOTES

A new student has been added to the ranks of the Junior Class. He is Dick Brinn. He comes from Technical High School in Springfield. He's taking the college course, and has joined our band. Welcome to Agawam, Dick.

### FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 22—F.F.A. Square Dance.  
Jan. 28—Honor Roll.

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## OUT OF THE INKWELL

### Christmas

Christmas is a jolly time,  
With all its mirth and cheer,  
And brings to all a happy wish,  
Continued through the year.

Merry little tinkling bells  
Resound across the snow,  
Spreading tidings o'er the earth  
To all men here below.

A tiny nose against the pane,  
A lighted Christmas tree  
Remind us of our Childhood days  
Held dear to you and me.

So through the Christmas season,  
May everyone have fun,  
And peace, good will, and happiness,  
Find each and everyone.

Elaine Brown  
Grade 7

### Christmas

When I think of Christmas  
I think of may things  
Of Santa Claus, and reindeer paws  
And ribbons curled like rings.

When I think of Christmas  
I think of Christmas trees  
Before they came to us all  
How proud they waved in the breeze.

When I think of Christmas  
I think of the Christ Child  
How he was born in a stable  
On a cold night, as Mary smiled.  
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## Christmas

C — is for Christ, Whom we honor  
this day,  
H — is for holly, so bright and so  
gay,  
R — is for ribbons of red, green and  
white,

I — is for icicles, they're a beautiful  
sight,

S — is for Santa, he'll never grow  
old,

T — is for tree, a sight to behold!

M — is for mistletoe, it's the lover's  
delight,

A — is for the tree-top angel, in a  
halo of light,

S — is for this simple poem by me,  
Put the letters together and behold  
what you see,

CHRISTMAS—a time of good health  
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Maryann Tyburski  
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